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Application Serial No. 10/038,622) Group Art Unit: 1733
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WITH TREAD BAND HAVING)
AN ANISOTROPIC)
UNDERLAYER STABLE UPON)
TEMPERATURE VARIATION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement (“IDS”) is being filed after the events recited in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned’s knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, an *ex parte Quayle* Action, or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this IDS is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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An English-language translation of EP 0,652,116 is enclosed. An English-language translation of FR 2,215,331 is not enclosed, however, both FR 2,215,331 and U.S. Patent No. 3,916,968 are members of the same patent family, based upon French patent application No. 73-003,118, filed January 29, 1973.

Applicants would also like to point out to the Examiner the following pending patent application that may be related to the present application: U.S. patent application No. 09/843,227, filed April 27, 2001 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2002-0017347-A1).

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim(s) in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document(s) do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document(s).

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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